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Our Case No. 8285-430

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)		
Gruchala et al.)		
Serial No.:)	Examiner:	B. Bui
09/844,716)		
Filed:)	Group Art Unit:	2642
April 25, 2001)		
For:)		
Method and System for Providing)		
a Work-at-Home)		
Telecommunication Service)		

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.181(a) REQUESTING
WITHDRAWAL OF THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants present the following petition under 37 CFR § 1.181(a) to request withdrawal
of the holding of abandonment for the above-identified patent application.

I. Statement of Facts

1. On November 10, 2003, the United States Patent and Trademark Office mailed an Office Action.
2. On March 8, 2004, Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination, an Amendment, a one-month extension of time, and the appropriate fees. A copy of that filing is attached at Tab A.
3. Applicants received a stamped postcard showing receipt of the above-mentioned filing by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 12, 2004. A copy of that postcard is attached at Tab B.
4. On July 1, 2004, the United States Patent and Trademark Office mailed a Notice of Abandonment for failure to reply to the November 10, 2003 Office Action.

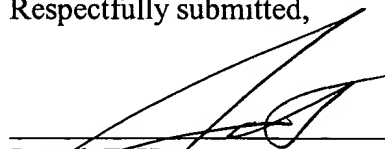
II. Action Requested

Applicants petition under 37 CFR § 1.181(a) to request withdrawal of the holding of abandonment. The application is not, in fact, abandoned because the March 8, 2004 filing was a timely response to the November 10, 2003 Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn.

Dated: July 14, 2004

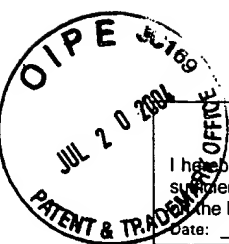
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Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal Letter (1 page in duplicate) and Petition under 37 CFR § 1.181(a) Requesting Withdrawal of the Holding of Abandonment; (2 pages with Tabs A and B)
☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ Small Entity.
☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(____).
☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity			Not a Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total		Minus			x \$9=			x \$18=	
Indep.		Minus			x 43=			x \$86=	
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$145=			+\$290=	
					Total	\$		Total	\$

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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

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